



# Appeals and State Hearings Newsletter

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## Best Wishes to ASH Promotees

Congratulations to Cathy Pierson appointed to the HSA I item and the following new Supervising Appeals Hearing Specialists (SAHSS): Pamela Lewis, Ursula Hampton, Sonya Martin, George Hines, Linda Rice, Cesar Cortes, Deon Arline, Katherine Urquhart, Ernesta Swaminathan, Roberto Vera, and Lynette LaLonde.



## Best Wishes to ASH Alumni



Best wishes, happy retirement and many thanks for the years of County service to Judy Domke (25 years), Carol Patton (28 years), Heleine King (27 years), Lydia Rogers (31 years), Gwen Jones (36 years), Yvonne Johnson (33 years) and Judith Dinger (27 years).



Best wishes and congratulations for their recent promotions to Marla Pearson (SSS), Darryl Baker (HSA I), Ana Torres (HSA I), Gerry Bonilla (HSA I) and Dorothea Manns (HSA I).

## Compliance Unit Update



Beginning 01/01/05, the members of the compliance unit are no longer assigned to specific district offices. State hearing decisions are now distributed among all compliance workers in an attempt to equalize the workload, as it is difficult to estimate how many granted decisions any district office may receive. The cover letter attached to the state hearing decision has the name of the assigned compliance worker. Please direct your compliance report, and any questions regarding the state hearing decision, to this person.

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## Dear ASHley

Dear ASHley,

I am an EW who discontinued a participant's CalWORKs case because he reported that his only child left the home. I sent him a timely and adequate notice of action and stopped his benefits at the end of the month. He requested a hearing and ASH ordered my district to set up Aid Paid Pending. The county must now pay him aid for another month even though he clearly isn't eligible. **What** is Aid Paid Pending and **why** is it issued? Wants to Save Money

Dear Wants,

Aid Paid Pending in CalWORKs, is aid paid in the amount the participant would have received if the county had not taken the action that is being appealed. It is **aid paid pending the state administrative hearing**. In your case, the participant would receive the grant amount he would have received if his case had not been discontinued. The participant will continue to receive cash aid until the day of the state administrative hearing when the judge decides either to stop the Aid Paid Pending or to continue it until his/her decision is written.

Although your participant may not be **eligible** to aid past the discontinuance date, he is **entitled** to it as Aid Paid Pending if he requested his hearing before the effective date of the proposed discontinuance action. Of course, if the Appeals Hearing Specialist is able to contact the participant and explain the reason the county discontinued cash aid and the regulations that support this action, the participant may express an understanding of the county's action and withdraw his hearing request. Aid paid pending would stop at this point. If the state hearing decision is in favor of the county, Aid Paid Pending stops on receipt of the decision denying the participant's claim. And remember, in these two instances, the Aid Paid Pending the participant received is fully collectable.



Case Correction Memos (PA 411) sent by ASH to district offices now identify potential Food Stamp errors. If the issue involves Food Stamps, a notation on the upper right hand corner of the PA 411 alerts districts that the case in question may have a potential Food Stamp error!



In March 2005, there were 320 PA 411s with FS alert notations. Remember that a corrected case means one less error case!!!